

GREAT BANKRUPT SALE!

ENTIRE \$20,000 BANKRUPT STOCK OF THE "FAIR STORE" ADRIAN, MICH. PURCHASED BY THE ARCADE BARGAIN STORE At 50c On the Dollar and Must be sold accordingly.

Having decided to add to our stock of Clothing and Shoes a full and complete line of Dry Goods, Notions and Ladies' Furnishings, we have purchased said stock of THE FAIR STORE, ADRIAN, MICH., at 50 cents on the dollar, and propose to open the greatest sale ever attempted in this section of the country.
Remember the Place, THE ARCADE BARGAIN STORE.

SALE BEGINS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th

The goods in this stock are practically all new, as the Fair Store has been in existence less than a year, and most of these goods are new, bought for the coming spring season, so do not judge the goods by the prices, but come and investigate first.

Table Linens and Toweling.

1c Graham Bros. Toilet Soap. The Fair Price 5c	3c Lilac, Buttermilk and other Fine Soaps. The Fair Price 10c	1c Fine Brass Pins. The Fair Price 5c	4c J. & P. Coats' Thread. All colors and numbers. The Fair Price 5c	1c One lot lace edging and inserting. The Fair Price 10c	3c per Spool Clark's Crochet Cotton, all colors. The Fair Price 15c	10c Torchon Lace, one to two inches wide, per card (12 yards). The Fair Price 25c	4c 4,000 yards fast color Prints, 2 to 9 yards in piece. The Fair Price up to 12 1-2c	14c Table Oil Cloth. The Fair Price 20c	3 to 5c Towelings. The Fair Price 6 1-2c to \$ 1-2c.	99c 150 pairs Lace Curtains, large sizes. The Fair Price \$2.00	10 1-2c per yd. 80 pieces fancy Worsted and Percals. The Fair Price 25c per yard	49c 125 Ladies' Waists, all colors. The Fair Price \$1.00	1c Button Hole Twist. The Fair Price 5c	5c One lot Misses' Hose. The Fair Price 15c	1c 200 dozen Ladies' Plain Handkerchiefs. The Fair Price 5c	3c 150 dozen Ladies' Hemstitched and Lace Edge Handkerchiefs. The Fair Price 15c You can dress better and Pay Less if you attend this Great Bankrupt Sale.	5c 25 dozen Misses' Hose Supporters. The Fair Price 10, 15 and 20c	3c Torchon Lace, 1-2 inch wide, per card, 12 yards. The Fair Price 7c	3 3-4c per yd. 5,000 yards fast color print remnants. The Fair Price 10c	2 yds. for 1c Baby Ribbon, all colors. The Fair Price 1c per yard.	5c per yd. Remnants of Percale, 1-2 to 10 yards in piece. The Fair Price, per yd 7c	3 1-2c L. L. Sheatings. The Fair Price 6c up	7c 1,000 yards of Plaid Dress Goods. The Fair Price 15c	6 1-4c and 7c Towelings. The Fair Price 10c and 15c	4c per yd. Curtain Seams. The Fair Price 10c to 15c	69c 50 large, white Bed Spreads. The Fair Price \$1.25	49c One lot of 250 Ladies' Wrappers. The Fair Price \$1.00	12c each Remnants of Gingham, 2 1-2 to 3 yards in a remnant, suitable for aprons. The Fair Price 20c	3c per pair Sleeve Armbands. The Fair Price 10c	1c per pair Double Tubular Shoe Laces. Regular Price 5c
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200 yards of all linen white table damask, guaranteed to wear. Fair price 40c. Our price 29c	150 yards of White all linen table damask, beautiful cloth. Fair price 50c. Our price 39c	Clark's Crochet Cotton, 200 yard spools. Fair price 15c. Our price 3c	30 yards White Table Linen. Fair price 55c. Our price 25c	150 yards 2 yard wide all linen damask in beautiful patterns, no better cloth sold anywhere at 75c. \$1. Our price, yd. 48c 69c	Pocket Books. 10c style for 50c; 20c style 10c; 30c style 15c; 50c style 25c
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Corsets 75c quality for 49c \$1.00 quality for 59c 50c quality for 29c	Umbrellas 75c Umbrellas for 45c \$1.00 Umbrellas for 60c \$1.25 Umbrellas for 75c \$1.50 Umbrellas for 98c	Hat Pins Choice lot of Hat Pins, worth up to 25c. Our price 5c	Ladies' Hdks 500 Plain and fancy Handkerchiefs. Fair price 5c. Our price 3c
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Corsets Worth up to 65c each. Our price 29c	Misses' Hose 10c Hose for 5c per pair. 12 1-2c Hose for 6c per pair. 15c Hose for 7c per pair. 20c Hose for 10c per pair.	Brush Binding Best quality. Fair price 5c. Our price 3c	Cotton Batting Free from all dirt—worth 6c—Our price 3c	Fancy Crotons Worth up to 15c yard. Our price 64c
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Clothing \$5000 Worth of Men's and Boy's Clothing TO BE CLOSED OUT AT THIS SALE AT MARVELOUSLY LOW PRICES. If you ever intend to buy a suit, now's the time to do so.

\$2.98 One lot Men's Cassimere Suits, broken sizes. The Fair price \$4.00.	\$4.95 Men's Fine Suits, Cassimeres, Worsted and Blue Serges. The Fair Price \$10.00.	\$5.98 Men's strictly all wool Suits, cassimeres, Worsted, black or worsteds, fine tailored. The Fair price \$14.00.	\$6.98 Men's best grade Fancy Cassimeres, all wool, and Silk Mixture, cut away Suits. The Fair Price \$15.00.
\$8.95 Men's Overcoats. The Fair Price \$15.00	\$7.95 Men's Overcoats. The Fair Price \$12.00	\$5.95 Men's Overcoats. The Fair Price \$10.00	\$3.75 Men's Black Beaver Overcoats. The Fair Price \$7.00
\$2.48 Boys' Strictly all Wool Overcoats. The Fair Price \$5.00	\$1.25 Boys' Reofers, all wool. The Fair Price \$3.00	\$1.75 200 Boys' Suits, Russian Houses, Norfolk and Vestees, pure wool fabric, none worth less than \$4.00, mostly five-dollar goods.	

3c Pair Boys' Suspenders Fair Store price 15c	2c 1/2 Pair Men's Heavy Cotton Hose Fair Store price 5c	2c Each Men's Red, Blue and White Handkerchiefs Fair Store price 10c
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Towelings Worth up to 12 1-2c yard. Our price 64c	Turkey Red Damask Worth 22c per yard. Our price 16c
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\$2.98 Boys' three-piece Suits, all wool Cheviots and Cassimeres, \$5 and \$6. Good.	48c 40 dozen Boys' pure wool Knee pants. The Fair Price 75c and \$1.00.	35c Boys' Knee Pants. The Fair Price 50c.	15c Boys' Knee Pants. The Fair Price 25c.
WONDERFUL	Bargains IN MEN'S PANTS	48c Pair for Men's Cotton Working Pants. The Fair Price \$1.00.	98c Men's Hair Lined Pants. The Fair Price \$1.50 and \$1.75.
\$1.75 Men's Pure Wool Pants, equal to the best custom made. The Fair Price.	\$1.95, \$2.19, \$2.65 Men's all Wool Pants. The Fair Price \$4.00, \$4.50, and \$5.00.	MEN'S SHOES	89c Men's heavy plough shoes. The Fair price \$1.25.
98c Men's fine Satin Calf, stylish toes. The Fair price \$1.50.	\$1.19 Men's plain Lace of Congress. Warranted all solid leather. The Fair price \$2.25.	\$1.48 Men's fine Cusco Calf, English Welt.	

Dress Goods Bargains.

The goods are all new staple patterns and the prices so low that the slimmest purse can trade liberally.	Fancy striped worsted dress goods, suitable for children's wear, worth 19c. Our price 10c	600 yards plain cassimeres in brown, black, navy. Fair price 35c. Our price 23c	150 yards of ladies' cloth in grey, blue and brown, all wool cloth. Fair price 60c. Our price 45c
Percales	The 6 1-4c quality. Our price 4 1/2c		

Ladies' Underwear At 3, 5, 6 and 10c. Worth double. Our price 29c	White Linen Damask Worth 45c to 50c yard. Our price 33c	Towelings Good towelings, worth 5 and 10c per yd. Our price 3c	Printed Shirting Fair price 7c. Our price 4c	Extra Wide Ticking Worth 22c per yard. Our price 16 1/2c	Grain Sacks Extra quality, at 15c each.
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Shoes \$5,000 worth of Men's, Boys', Ladies' Misses' and Children's Shoes Slaughtered by the Great Bankrupt Sale Pruning Knife.

\$1.69 Men's fine Vici Kid and Velour Calf, spring styles. The Fair price \$2.50.	\$2.48 Men's Channel and Patent Calf-skin. The Fair price \$3.50.	9c Baby Moccasins. The Fair price 15c.	18c Baby's Soft Soles, all colors. The Fair Price 25c.	48c Child's Shoes, stylish, 5 to 8. The Fair price 55c.	69c Child's Box Calf and Vici Kid Shoes, sizes 8 to 13. The Fair price \$1.00.	79c Misses' fine Box Calf Shoes. The Fair price \$1.25.	98c Misses' Shoes, spring styles, in velour and Vici Kid. The Fair Price \$1.50.	69c 200 pairs Ladies' Fine Shoes, assorted sizes. The Fair price, \$1.50 to \$2.00.	89c Ladies' fine Satin Calf Shoes, plain toes. The Fair price \$1.25.	98c Ladies' fine Baltic Doughlass, stylish, all sizes. The Fair Price \$1.50.	\$1.48 Ladies' fine English Welt Shoes, the spring styles. The Fair price \$3.00.	\$1.65 Ladies' Patent Calf Shoes. The Fair price \$3.00.
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5c Box Combination Box Calf Shoe Polish Fair Store price 10c, 15c, 20c	2c Each Men's Linen Collars Assorted Fair Store price 10c	9c Pair Men's Heavy Suspenders Fair Store price 25c
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150 yards Black Henrietta, fine all wool goods. Fair price 40c. Our price 29c	180 yards Black Henrietta, a fine quality cloth. Fair price 55c. Our price 39c	200 yards Black Henrietta, Fair price 75c. Our price 45c	Better grades reduced accordingly.	375 yards Flannel in red and grey. Fair price 30c and 50c. Our price, yard, 30c and 17c	Cashmeres All shades. Fair price 35c. Our price 25c
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Ladies' Hose 10c Hose for 5c pair. 15c Hose for 7c pair. 20c Hose for 10c pair. 25c Hose for 12c pair. 30c Hose for 15c pair.	Supreme Saxony Yarn Fair price 20c. Our price 5c Fleisher's Yarn, sold everywhere for 25c skein. Our price 15c. Linen Window Shades—Fair price, 25c. Our price 15c. Good heavy Shirting, sells for 6c to 8c. Our price 5c. Remnants Heavy Shirting, worth 12 1-2c. Our price, 8c.
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Boys' Shoes One lot Boys' and Plough Shoes. The Fair price \$1.25. Little Gents' Calf Shoes, warranted solid. Fair price \$1.25. Youth's Suty Calf Shoes, spring styles. The Fair price \$1.50. Boys' and Youth's Satin Calf Shoes, any sizes. The Fair price \$1.50.	Rubber Goods White Brothers' Box Calf Shoes for boys. The Fair price \$2.25. Boys' Velour and Vici Kid Shoes, spring styles. The Fair price \$2.25. 200 pairs Ladies' Rubbers, assorted sizes. The Fair price 35c. Ladies' Rubbers, all sizes, stylish toes. Fair price 50c. Ladies' best quality Storm Alaska. The Fair price 90c. Men's Best Heavy Arctics. The Fair price \$2.50. 75 pairs Men's Best Felt Boots. The Fair price \$1.25. Men's Snag Proof Rubber Boots, warranted. Fair price \$3.75.
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48c each Men's Monarch and Silver Shirts in white or colored. Sold all over the country at \$1.00. Sale price 69c	48c each Men's all wool Sweaters. Positively worth \$1.00.	25c A big lot of men's finest quality, all colors, Flannel Top Shirts, also finer shirts, also Firemen's shirts, at less than half.	25c Children's all wool Underwear, 50c 75c and 95c goods.	25c Boys' Jersey Overshirts. Fair price 55c	19c for Boys' Work Shirts. Fair price 50c	15c each Boys' heavy Winter Caps. 30c quality.	10c pair Boys' Woolen Mitts. Fair price 30c	5c pair Men's Canvas Gloves.	38c each Men's Flannellette Night Robes. Fair price 75c
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The Arcade Bargain Store. M. LEVIN

WILL REFIT BUSINESS COLLEGE

G. W. Brown Talked to the Students at the College.

George W. Brown of the Brown's Business college was in the city Thursday and made arrangements for refurnishing and refitting the short hand department of the school. New tables, desks, chairs, typewriter stands, drop cabinet desks and new typewriters will be added. The interior of the rooms will also be made to conform with the new furniture.

The refitting rooms will be refurnished with the latest improved facilities. New filing cabinets will be added and a new card system for keeping the record of the school will be adopted. Mr. Brown will leave today for Chicago where he will purchase the furniture for the school.

During the morning Mr. Brown talked to the bookkeeping class upon the value of bookkeeping as a study and to the stenography class on high grade preparation. In the afternoon the classes all assembled in the large room and Mr. Brown talked on history of commercial education in this country. Taking up the commercial school of 15 years ago and following its history to the present time, he referred to Lincoln's university and some of the hard places through which it had to pass. He especially emphasized the influence of hand writing upon the student's success. He urged all to acquire a good plain practical hand. Mr. Brown has no sympathy for ornamental or florishing hand writing. In fact he has devoted much of his time in his schools opposing anything of the kind. He has taught the best of the best, speed and hand writing.

Ex-Minister Curry Dead.
Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 12.—Dr. J. L. M. Curry one of the most prominent educators in the south died in Asheville tonight aged 78. During Cleveland's first administration Curry was minister to Spain. He was also general agent of the Peabody fund; veteran of the Mexican war and a lieutenant colonel in the Confederate army.

Step in Right Direction.
Madison, Wis., Feb. 12.—A bill was introduced in the senate tonight to make teaching of criminal anarchy a felony punishable by imprisonment not exceeding ten years or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

Lutheran Synod Elects.
Burlington, Ia., Feb. 12.—The Evangelical Lutheran Synod today elected President, Rev. A. Norrbaum, of Swedenborg; vice president, Rev. Joseph Anderson of Boone; secretary, Rev. B. Madin of Bethesda; treasurer, C. O. Nelson of Orla.

How often men bring misfortune to themselves through forgetfulness?

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

ONE WEEK, Commencing
MONDAY, FEB. 16,
World's Greatest Repertoire Organization.

The Murray Comedy Co.

Direction CHAS. LAMB
J. RUS SMITH, Mgr.

Special Features—

Mons. Dubec's troupe of trained monkeys, dogs, cats and cats.

NOVEL SPECIALTIES WILL BE INTRODUCED BETWEEN ACTS.

Prices 10, 20 and 30 Cents.

Saturday Matinee 10 and 25c.

Monday Night, "True as Steel."

Ladies accompanied by person holding a paid 30c ticket admitted free on opening night only if purchased before 6 p. m.

Public Sale

I will sell at public auction at my residence in Austin township, 1 mile east of Latham,

TUESDAY, FEB. 17,

The following property to-wit:

30 Head of Horses and Mules

consisting of 9 head 3 years and up and two of which are mares bred and owned by W. S. Richey's registered Percheron Stallion, 7 head of horses, coming 1 year old, 6 head coming 2 years old and 1 coming 3 years old.

These horses are mostly of my own raising, many of them from imported draft and cross-bred stock. They have been well cared for and are in fine condition. They are good horses and will give satisfaction. One large pair of bay mares weighing 2500 lbs. One pair of weanling mares.

One fine Thoroughbred broodmare Bull.

Four north cows, three of them with calves at sides and one to calve the first of April.

One going plow and perhaps several other articles.

Sale will begin at 10 o'clock a. m.

A credit of twelve months will be given on all sales over \$5, a discount of 5 percent on cash purchase.

Free Lunch at Noon.

GEO. JOHNSTON.

G. W. WOY, Auctioneer.

DONT BE BUMFOOLED

into buying a cheap piano when you can get a good one for the same money.

We carry nothing but first-class pianos and organs and can give you better value for your money than any other house in the city. Our stock embraces the very best makes of

PIANOS, ORGANS, VIOLINS.

GUITARS, MANDOLINS

and anything you wish or that can be found in a first-class music house. A trial purchase will convince you. Easy payments.

PHILLIPS MUSIC STORE

140 E. MAIN ST. DECATUR, ILL.

BUSINESS AND OTHERWISE

You pay more for the clothes that DENZ makes, but—

Vandalia line, low rates. One way, second class colonist tickets to California on sale Feb. 15, 1903, and continuing daily to and including April 30, 1903. Rate from Decatur, \$31.65. One way second class colonist tickets to the west and northwest daily commencing Feb. 15, 1903, to and including April 30, 1903.

M. & J. MAIENTHAL, Tailors.

Is your money insured against FIRE?

Is your policy RIGHT? Don't you need our HELP? C. W. Montgomery & Co., 121 E. William St., ground floor.

There will be a special meeting of Local No. 37 B. L. L. of A. Sunday evening Feb. 15, at 8 p. m. at our hall 214 North Park street. All members are requested to be present as business of special importance will come before the meeting. W. H. POSTER, Pres.

Notice of Removal.

The clerk's office of Eastern Camp No. 1628 Modern Woodmen of America will be removed on February 15, 1903 from the present location at James H. Hall's clothing store, No. 159 East Main street to the Hutchins & Harry shoe store No. 139 North Water street. C. M. SCHNEIDER, clerk.

Dance tonight at S. of V. hall.

Dorcas Society will have a bakery and valentine sale at Springer's grocery Saturday, February 14.

Against Crum.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The senate commission on commerce today agreed to report adversely the nomination of Dr. W. D. Crum to be collector of the port of Charleston, S. C. The vote on confirmation was 6 to 8. All Democrats voted against the confirmation and they were reinforced by the votes of Jones of Nevada and Perkins of California.

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Judicial Convention.
A delegate Republican Judicial convention of the Sixth Judicial circuit of Illinois, for the purpose of nominating three candidates for circuit judges of said district, will be held at the court house in Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, on March 12, 1903, at 11 a. m. The basis of representation shall be one delegate for every 300 votes, or fraction over 150 cast for Fred Bussey for state treasurer in 1902. Number of delegates shall be as follows: Champaign Co. 17, DeWitt Co. 8, Douglas Co. 7, Macon Co. 16, McHenry Co. 6, Platt Co. 7.
The manner of selecting delegates in counties where no delegates have been selected is referred to the proper authorities of said counties.
ROY WRIGHT, Chairman.
WILLIAM BOYD, Secretary.
Decatur, Ill., Jan. 14, 1903.

SIGNIFICANT DATE.

Friday, Feb. 13—English Bill of Rights declared, 1689.

The Waterbury strike seems to be wound up to stay.

Perhaps Mr. Rockefeller just wanted to pour Standard Oil on the troubled senatorial waters.

South Carolina is evidently trying to induce the country to forget the Jim Tillman murder but it won't.

Dr. Parkhurst proposes to start an ideal newspaper. If true to the traditions of its founder it should be called The Fault Finder.

The democrats of Iowa are all torn up. One portion will hold a Bryan and Free Silver banquet. It will be a sort of ghost dance. Those democrats who are not dead will not be there.

Mr. Bryan denies that he is rich. He certainly ought to be. He has made a barrel of good, gold standard money since 1896 and republican good times made it possible for him to invest it profitably. If he is not pretty well heeled he must be a very poor financier.

Senator Dunlap was the agent employed by Lieut.-Gov. Northcott to remove the fool rules adopted by the senate. The appropriations for the University of Illinois are yet to be made and Senator Dunlap, whose home is at Champaign, will get pretty busy in getting them through. As he antagonized a majority of the senate in helping his friend Northcott he can not expect many favors from the ruling forces.

An exchange says that one of the great creations of modern statesmanship are the members of the governor's staff, who love to adorn themselves in a highly gorgeous and picturesque manner and stand around on exhibition. It is related that when Grover Cleveland was governor of the Empire state he went to a public meeting at a theater accompanied by his staff in full uniform. When Mr. Cleveland arrived the doorman whispered to him, "This night in, Governor, but the band must go around by the front door."

Iowa made a successful fight in the house of representatives the other day for an addition to the "original package" law of 1890, which will overcome the decision of the supreme court which gave the law that name. Under that decision intoxicating liquors may be sent into any prohibition state, in defiance of state law, and sold to consumers direct, without let or hindrance. Express company offices all over Iowa have become mere retail liquor establishments, and the prohibition law has been nullified. The amendment to the law of 1890, provided by the bill which has passed the house, overcomes the "original package" decision by including liquors going into the state as well as the distribution after entrance, and will make it possible for every prohibition state in the union to enforce the laws thoroughly. The democratic members of the house supported the bill because it was in harmony with their ideas regarding states' rights. They held that a state had a right to enact any legislation it saw fit under constitutional limitations, and that no law of congress should be made interfering with that right. The "original package" decision, of course, is a distinct invasion of the states' rights doctrine.

The New York Evening Post makes as good a comparison between Senator Mason and Senator-elect Hopkins of Illinois as has been seen. It is as follows:

"Abstemious, cautious, careful, thrifty is Hopkins; reckless, blundering, brilliant, thriftless is Mason. The contrast affords one of those almanac morals for rising youth: 'How to get on in the world—Be circumspect of tongue and act; cautious in promising and punctilious in payment; keep out of bad company and save the sharp arrows of wit for marks where they will not rankle and for victims who will not understand them.' Nobody ever accused Hopkins of biting sarcasm. Hopkins never dallied in idle company; he hoards his own counsel like a Jesuit his church secrets. In the train of Mason were always a raft of the unfortunate, the unscrupulous, vendors of hard luck stories and seekers after government jobs. They all found ready access and the jolly senator would gladly have taken care of them all at his own and the government's expense. On the other hand, the patronage and aims of Hopkins have been as methodical and discriminating as the Associated Charities."

TO THE POOR HOUSE

Dave Kaufman Went There to Escape the County Jail.

Dave Kaufman was sent to the poor farm yesterday a place for which he has no liking although the miserable existence he led in Decatur would have had even less charm for the average man.

Kaufman laments about the saloons and his condition is such that he is always an undesirable visitor at those places.

Complaint had been made about him and Joe Dunsby stood for the formally as complainant in a warrant charging J. Kaufman with vagrancy. There was no way to escape a conviction on that charge and Dave knew it. He has no love for the poor farm but even less for the county jail. As a compromise he went to the poor farm but he was told that he must agree to having all of his clothing burned as soon as he arrived there, which was a bitter pill but Dave took it. He knew that that was what he would get if sent to the jail on a charge of vagrancy but at the jail it would be worse because the hose would probably be turned on him.

RAN AWAY FROM GRAND JURY.

Bloomington Girl Came to Decatur to Avoid Testifying.

Miss Myrtle Platt returned to Bloomington yesterday after a short visit in Decatur. Miss Myrtle preferred to remain in Decatur but she feared the consequences because Sheriff Edwards came here with a summons for Miss Myrtle to appear before the grand jury and tell what she knew when the investigators asked her questions.

Sheriff Edwards came to Decatur Wednesday night and the next forenoon Deputy Sheriff Hendricks found the young woman at the home of a relative on North Water street and read the paper.

At Bloomington there was an impression that Miss Platt left that city to avoid appearing before the grand jury. Indeed it is said that she admitted as much to some of her friends in this city. The Decatur officers advised her that if such was true she had best make haste to her home town to avoid the possibility of being in contempt and suffering a penalty on that account. The young woman went home on the afternoon train.

THEY MUST ANSWER.

Boys Who Threw Mud Are Up Against the Real Thing Now.

The boys who threw mud and broke a window at the Nixon residence on North Church street Wednesday night are up against the real thing. Thursday forenoon warrants for their arrest were issued. The charge is malicious mischief. The parents of the boys arrested made arrangements for their release until Saturday forenoon at 2 o'clock at which time they will appear before Justice McCoy and hear their sentence pronounced.

As a Remembrance.

Miss French of the High School assembly room has at last attained a long felt desire. For several years she has asked the graduating classes to purchase some decoration for the Assembly rooms, which could be left as a remembrance of the class. This year the class has purchased a beautiful picture which has been sent direct from London. Miss French will endeavor to have each year's class buy a picture. By this method the assembly rooms will soon have quite a collection of works of art.

Tendency of the Times.

The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given to the subject. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. It has been fully demonstrated that pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, can be prevented by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pneumonia always results from a cold or an attack of influenza (grip), and it has been observed that this remedy often prevents pneumonia. This has been fully proved in many thousands of cases in which this remedy has been used during the prevalence of colds and grip in recent years and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. Pneumonia often results from a slight cold when no danger is apprehended until it is suddenly discovered that here is fever, chills, and in breathing and pains in the chest, then it is announced that the patient has pneumonia. Be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the cold is contracted. It always cures. For sale by all druggists.

ANNUAL BANQUET

Will Mark the Yearly Meeting of The Bar Library Association of Decatur.

THE DATE IS EARLY IN APRIL.

Luther Laffin Mills of Chicago Will be Invited to Speak.

The members of the Bar Library Association of this city are making arrangements to give a banquet on the anniversary of their organization, April 12 or about that date. The 12th of April is the anniversary of their organization and it is the wish to have the banquet as near that date as possible when the first annual meeting will be held.

Although a year will then have elapsed since the formal organization was perfected it is not a year since their rooms were opened. They have in their library over 1200 volumes including the current reports from the courts of last resort in all of the states, the reports of all of the United States courts and the English reports complete.

The organization has now forty members and what few of the attorneys are not yet within the fold will no doubt come in by the day of the banquet.

It is the desire on the part of the promoters of the library and those interested in the banquet to have the annual meeting on the second Tuesday in April marked by something more than the formal business session at which officers are elected. With this idea they have commenced to talk up the banquet idea.

In addition to the banquet it is the idea to invite each year some distinguished member of the bar to meet with them and deliver an address. That point has not yet been positively determined but it is likely that the first invitation will be extended to Luther Laffin Mills of Chicago.

The members of the legal fraternity are following something in the steps of their brothers in medicine and are hopeful that they will be able to make their annual meetings as much of an attraction as the physicians have succeeded in doing.

THE COSTS THEY'RE DODGING

Dispute About Small Matter Creates Big Costs in Court.

Thursday Attorney W. E. Redmon received word that the jury in the case of Burgess vs. Williams in the circuit court of Platt county had returned a verdict for the defense. The plaintiff made a motion for a new trial. Its costs and not the demand in this case that the contestants are now dodging. Two years ago near Cisco Joe Williams and Burgess Brothers of Rement held a sale of hogs. One of the animals offered by Williams was a sow with four pigs. Art Belts bought the sow and her litter and gave his note for \$33. Next day he told Williams the sow was sick and that one of the pigs was dead. Williams said that he would make the thing right and that Belts should not lose any money. In the end the sow and all of the pigs died. Belts says that he made the purchase under a special guarantee that the animals were sound. Williams transferred the note to Burgess and he sued before a justice of the peace at Cisco but that suit was dismissed. Then suit in the circuit court was commenced. M. C. Griffin conducted that suit and won for Williams. A new trial was demanded and granted and in that Redmon conducted the defense and won. Now the plaintiff asks another trial.

In the meantime the courts costs have outgrown the original demand and who ever loses and has the costs to pay will be stuck even though he should win on the note proposition and then the attorneys' fees are not considered.

One of the local attorneys who was familiar with the case said that if the thing was properly worked, by the time the end was in sight all of the attorneys interested with the fees earned could buy a whole drove of hogs and have a farm to put them on.

SCARED AT COW.

Mrs. Ashland Has Exciting Runaway on North Monroe Street.

There was an exciting runaway on North Monroe street yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Ashland, who lives northwest of the city was coming to town after her husband, who works at the Mueller factory. The horse became frightened at a cow in the 900 block on North Monroe street and became unmanageable. Mrs. Ashland and her little boy were thrown from the rig onto the pavement. Neither one was hurt but were pretty well covered with mud. They stopped in at the home of Mrs. M. E. Kenefly and washed the mud off. There was little damage done to the rig or the harness, the horse being caught before it had ran very far.

FIVE CENT LOAVES.

The Kind of Bread Grocers are Now Handling.

The majority of the grocers in the city are now selling five cent loaves of bread. The four cent loaf has been abolished and it is likely that at the next meeting of the Grocers' Association, the members will as a unit decide to handle nothing but a five cent loaf. It seems that although the bakers have so far refused to make a uniform loaf the grocers will establish one by refusing to handle none but a loaf of uniform weight.

A Mother's Recommendation.
I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by all druggists.

How many women show their feelings in the countenance?

THE HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST

Arrangements About Complete for the Meeting on April 18th.

THE AGORA SESSION YESTERDAY

The arrangements for the Agora Forum literary contest, are completed except as to the contestants. The contest will be held at the high school the Friday night of April 18. There will be four separate numbers on the program, two orations and two declamations. Each society will be allowed one person for each number, making eight in all. The orations must be in a few days beforehand and will be judged according to subject matter and delivery, equal weight being given to both. There will be three judges, chosen from persons not connected with the school. There will be considerable interest taken in the contest and each society will endeavor to be represented by its most capable members.

The Forum will hereafter have its meetings in the afternoon of the Fridays of each week. There is nearly always something of special interest Friday nights and for this reason the meetings have been very irregular. It is thought better results can be had if the meetings are held in the afternoons.

The Apollo girls and the high school basket ball teams played a practice game at Denny's hall yesterday afternoon. The Apollo girls were defeated by a score of 25 to 3, but their best players were not in the game. The high school is getting in good shape for the game with Springfield Feb. 20.

Agora Meeting.

The Agora met at the usual time yesterday afternoon and listened to the following program:

Violin Solo—Olga Keck.
Recitation—Nellie Connard.
Reading—Edna McClelland.
Piano Solo—Bonnie Blackburn.
Reading—Mae Wilson.

After the program the valentine box was opened and the valentines were distributed. Some of the teachers received flowers. All present were given souvenirs.

The literary program with the Forum will probably occur April 17.

A committee composed of Misses McClelland, Blackburn and Baker was elected to select the pupils to represent the Agora in the contest.

GREAT BIG SALE.

Seats for the "Prince of Pilsen" All Taken Before Noon—Matinee.

There was a remarkable take of seats for the "Prince of Pilsen." The house was sold out before the noon hour. This is something that has never before happened in this city. A number of young men took up their positions on the front step of the drug store as early as 3 o'clock and waited patiently until the house opened. That was a constant stream after that until the noon hour when only two or three seats were left unsold. They were in isolated parts of the house. A few of the seats in the balcony were left for those who pay general admission, but it will take but a few seconds to dispose of them. The opera is undoubtedly going to be the best thing in its line this season. It was in Bloomington the other night and the papers there say that it was great.

At Springfield the experience with the advance sale was very much the same as in this city. All available seats were sold within a few hours after the plat was opened.

Owing to the big demand to see the piece in this city, Manager Given has decided to give a matinee performance. This was discussed when the agent was here last week but no decision was reached. The demand is so great, however, that the matinee will be given. It will afford many an opportunity to see the production who would otherwise be denied that pleasure.

CHANGE OF VENUE

And Two Justices Summoned as Witnesses—Will Claim Fees.

Walter S. Garver started suit in Justice O'Mara's court against G. D. Yohe for damages in the sum of \$50 on a breach of contract. Garver claimed that Yohe sold him several hundred bushels of corn at a certain price and then failed to deliver the corn but took it elsewhere.

A brother of the defendant, Jess Yohe, appeared for him and took a change of venue from Justice O'Mara first subpoenaing Justices Hane and McCoy. Justice O'Mara issued the subpoena and then made the transcript of the case out to Justice Hane at the same time informing the gentlemen that while this proceeding had been allowed once to pass in his court he wanted it understood that it would not occur when he had time to attend to the case. The case accordingly went before Justice Hane who took it under advisement until today.

To rub the incident in the two justices propose to claim their witness fees, which will be added to the costs.

AN INNOCENT MURDERER.

A Mere Toddler Kills a Two-Months-Old Babe.

Wednesday afternoon while the infant children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corrington, southwest, were alone in the room, the little boy, just able to toddle, went to the cot where lay the two-months-old baby, and filled the baby's mouth with rage, choking it to death. It is terrible to think of such an accident, the result of innocent childish play.—Moweaqua Call-Mail.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

Eds. Herald: Is it unlawful to print upon or use the American flag for any advertising purpose?

Yes. The federal laws provide a severe penalty for this offense.

Subscribe for the Herald.

We still have remaining a few pairs of those odd size and odd lot Shoes which we advertised Wednesday. These shoes are worth up to \$1.75, \$2.50 and \$3.50, but we shall close them out to the first comers Friday at per pair \$2, \$1.50 and \$1.

LINN & SCRUGGS Co.

Friday Temptations

The new goods continue to come in and the old ones have to give way, consequently we are enabled to offer you for this Friday, some very attractive bargains, both in old goods which we are sacrificing because of the space which they occupy on our counters, and in new goods which have been bought at prices which enable us to offer some very special values at remarkably small prices. It will pay you to read every word in this ad.

Two Dress Goods Specials

56 inch all wool Zibeline Cheviot, comes only in black and navy. This is a very remarkable Friday offering, as the goods is well worth \$1.50 a yard and is a thoroughly desirable fabric in every respect. We shall sell it Friday at 98c per yard.

56 inch Black Mohair Scotch, a bright, glossy, firm cloth, that sells regularly at \$1 per yard. We shall sell a limited quantity of this desirable cloth on Bargain Friday, for per yard 75c

A Quartette of Bargains

An odd lot of Corsets in odd sizes and various values, up to \$1 each. They come in straight front and in regular styles and you shall have choice of the lot for each 49c

A handsome line of new Wash Silks of very excellent values. They come in attractive stripes of all the new colors and will be appreciated as a genuine bargain at the Friday price of per yard 29c

An odd lot of about 100 pairs of Kid Gloves in all colors and styles and worth up to \$2.25, but in size 5-1-2 only, at choice for per pair 49c

Some very handsome and desirable Battenberg patterns in sizes from 5 to 20 inches and worth up to 25c, for each 5c

Hosiery and Underwear

A case just received of Women's fine Victoria cotton Hose, made with high spliced heel and double sole; a good value at 35c. Friday per pair 25c

A few pairs of splendid value fancy striped and embroidered Hose, which have sold regularly at 75c for per pair 50c

Women's fleece lined Vests and Pants in ecru and grey, worth 25c for 19c

Boys' heavy fleeced Shirts and Drawers in sizes 24 to 34, at per garment 18c

Soiled Fine Quality Under Muslins

We have in our under muslin department a number of good quality garments, which are soiled simply from lying on the counters and being mussed. The lot includes Drawers, Skirts and Corset Covers, and we shall offer you choice of the lot Friday at cost. We shall also offer you a special line of Children's Outing Gowns at just half price.

These garments will be displayed on the bargain table at foot of elevator, main floor, and should not be lost sight of by the economical buyer.

Basement Bargains

We shall offer a special value in a good 4-sewed broom, a regular 30c value, at the Friday price of each 19c

Light weight, 3-sewed Brooms, a good 25c grade, for each 13c

Pat English Soup Plates worth \$1.25 per dozen, for each 4c

Outmeal Dishes of good size and fancy shape, worth 5c each, for 3c

Slightly Soiled Crepe Paper, at per roll 3c

A good Japanned Coal Hod for 15c

The new "Foothold" Dust Pan, requires no stooping and is very effective in use. Regular price 15c; Friday for each 10c

China Nest Eggs at 2 for 5c

Good 4-quart Granite Steel Milk Buckets worth 45c, for 20c

Nine bars Santa Claus Soap 25c.

Handkerchiefs and Umbrellas

Women's hem-stitched embroidered all pure linen, and dainty embroidered corner Handkerchiefs, worth 15c, at the Bargain Friday price of each 10c

One lot of very excellent handkerchiefs which have been used for store trimming, and which include lace edge, hem-lace and embroidered, etc., worth regularly 10c to 12-1-2c. Choice Bargain Friday for each 7c

Some Friday Notions

A 25c package of Borax, Bargain Friday for 10c

Fairbank's Famous Glycerine Tar Soap, per cake 5c, or 6 cakes for 25c

Woodworth's celebrated Perfumes, including Blue Lillies, White Rose, Crab Apple Blossom, Arabian Boquet and White Lilac. We sell these popular odors regularly at 50c per oz., but if you bring your own bottle on Friday, you shall have your choice, for per oz. 39c

A lot of Belts worth up to 50c, at choice Friday for 19c

Seven gold plated Beauty Pins for 5c

A 9-inch pair of Scissors worth 60c at the Bargain Friday price of only 10c

Dutch Linen Tape Nos. 8 and 9, for per bolt 25c

A NEW PENALTY.

What the Minneapolis Lawyer Sued a Magazine For.

It is an unexpected outcome of the McClure magazine account of "The Shame of Minneapolis" that a man whose name is not given in the account of the fall and redemption of the city should sue for libel. This is County Prosecutor Boardman, to whom the article refers only three times; once in a statement that "the county prosecutor offered it (the grand jury) only routine work to do;" once in the statement that the "prosecutor was a politician; he knew the Ames crowd; they were too powerful to attack;" and once in the statement that the county prosecutor "was being ignored" by the reformers. The inference from these careful references to the official who considers himself damaged to the extent of \$50,000 was that he was weak rather than wilful—not necessarily that he was a member of the gang that was plundering Minneapolis.

It is hoped that the result of the prosecutor's suit will not deter McClure's magazine from any intention it may have to publish the details of the shame of other plundered cities—Philadelphia, for instance—with the names of the plunderers. The newspapers do much to keep the municipal atmosphere sweet, but the fact of permanency insured by magazine publication may act powerfully as a deterrent. The newspaper is ephemeral. The magazine is bound and goes on public library shelves, to be read and consulted for years to come. To go down to posterity as Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, does in McClure's, his portrait branded a "moral leper," is to get into a "rogues' gallery" open at any time to the world, and likely to be opened many times by the world. The thought may well give pause to the municipal official contemplating a career of spoilation. A burned-in brand of "stole and caught at it" is not the alluring example that leads men ostensibly respectable into the ways of the grafter. To be sure, no one expects to be caught, but he may be, and McClure's has furnished a new penalty additional to those of newspaper publicity and court punishment.—Detroit Free Press.

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IT WAS STRIKING

The Manner in Which Westinghouse Contrasted American and European Methods.

GIVES SCHWAB HIGH PLACE.

And Places Labor on a High Plane of Intelligence.

One reference Mr. Westinghouse made seemed greatly to interest the distinguished Englishmen who listened to his address. He stated that in the United States we had always been short-handed with respect to labor. As a result, we have been obliged to find mechanisms and ways whereby one man may accomplish the work of two or three men as compared with the product that comes from the English nations.

"We have had the best men from Europe, Englishmen, the patient, technical German, and the enthusiastic and inspiring French artisan, skilled men, architects, men worthy to rank with those of professional attainments, and for that reason have been able to combine their experience and have accomplished results unattainable in a country where there is more labor than can be well kept occupied."

When Mr. Westinghouse spoke of President Schwab, now one of the men of high repute the world over, there was intense interest on the part of his hearers to know in what association that name was to be used. He was to speak in part of some of the personal qualifications that have placed Mr. Schwab not only in the first rank, but almost first in the rank of the directors of great industry, inferentially showing to the distinguished men of affairs of England some of the differences between American methods of direction and operation and those that distinguished England. Mr. Westinghouse described Mr. Schwab as peculiarly competent, strikingly original and successful in his management of men and his marshaling of great bodies of them so that they would respond instantly to a single place of machinery does to a single touch. Mr. Westinghouse knows well whereof he speaks, so that there can be no question of the accuracy of his statement in this address, that if Mr. Schwab made the merest suggestion as to the use of new apparatus, even if it involved the putting down of an old mill and the putting up of a new one, then Mr. Carnegie instantly acquiesced and this revolution was ordered.

As a result of methods of that kind Mr. Westinghouse said that the mills at Homestead produced with four thousand men three times as much steel as the Krupp works produced with fifteen thousand men.

Had any one of less authority than Mr. Westinghouse possesses made that statement to a company of Englishmen it would have been doubted. It was accepted when he made it, and it furnished a wonderful illumination whereby we made out some of the influences that are making the United States a world power. To illustrate somewhat in detail Mr. Westinghouse spoke of the remarkable employment of electricity at the Homestead mills. It cost much to install electricity, both the direct cost of equipment and the discarding of expensive apparatus that had been earlier employed, but now, Mr. Westinghouse said, it is possible to see in the room containing steel melting furnaces three men mounted on a car with the charging apparatus moved by electricity. Only three or four movements are necessary to the contrivance. These three men are able to charge twenty furnaces, whereas, before the use of electricity, 60 men would have been needed for a like amount of work.

One of Mr. Westinghouse's illustrations inspired the Englishmen to laughter. He stated that in the vast yard of these works, where the metal is piled in stock, a system of overhead cranes was in operation whereby prodigious weights are lifted and moved about and energies involving nobody but the expert knows how many horse power, yet all this without one man exerting himself "half as much as I am now." This was the only suggestion that this remarkable address by Mr. Westinghouse was costing him any effort.

Mr. Westinghouse described a visit of some of his English friends to Homestead, of Mr. Schwab himself escorting them around the place. He took them into one place where 750 tons of plate girders are turned out each day. They found that the furnaces were fed by natural gas; therefore, no stokers were required. They saw a contrivance like a battering ram in front of the furnaces. Two men were sitting there with their dinner. The place seemed almost deserted. Suddenly there came a confusion of sounds, a truck approached with a massive ingot. No one touched it. A gigantic pair of tongs came like magic along, picked the ingot up, placed it on the roller table and various apparatus adjusted it to its appropriate place, even the adjusting screws of the rolls being operated by electricity.

There were only seven or eight men in the place, and they seemed to be doing not a bit of work. They were, however, skilled artisans, and they were, without exhaustive labor, directing this vast mechanism. They found in the room where the furnaces were a lad sitting in a box called the pulpit. By no more exertion than the use of his fingers he caused any furnace door to open, ears to approach, take out of the furnace a white-hot ingot, which

was automatically moved to its work. And when his English friends saw this they said: "England has no chance in competition with such methods."

This address of Mr. Westinghouse was an object lesson. The thought that was behind his words was even more impressive than the simplicity, clearness and graphic force of expression which this great scientist and man of affairs employed.—New York Letter in Philadelphia Press.

CURZON'S IRON RULE.

It has Made the Viceroy Anything but Popular in Indian Society.

A cautious, progressive, imaginative, altogether admirable viceroy in all other ways, Lord Curzon has not proved an easy man to work with or under. Officialdom frankly and undisguisedly dislikes him. Neither with the army nor with the civil service nor in Hindu society is he popular. But what sort of a viceroy is it that society and officialdom prefer?

They like, for one thing, a "manageable" viceroy, without personality or initiative, one who will contentedly remain a gold-plated dummy and figurehead, hide himself in Hindu eight months out of the twelve and hibernate in Calcutta the remaining four, and not attempt to learn anything of the people except at third or fourth hand. If to this gift for self-effacement he adds the attraction of a long lineage, charming manners, and a good figure on horseback, then he comes pretty near the social and bureaucratic ideal of what a viceroy should be. And this, more or less, is the standard to which the average viceroy, like Lord Elgin, conforms.

Lord Curzon had no intention of becoming a viceroy of this stamp. He landed in Bombay; said an unfriendly critic, "with the eye of a bishop and the side-whiskers of an under-gardener." He landed with a good deal more than that—with a knowledge of India and its problems, laboriously acquired and unsuspectingly accurate, with an enthusiasm for his work and an intense earnestness in doing it; above all, with the resolve to be viceroy in fact as well as in name. The bureaucratic bones were soon set at naught. The young viceroy, instead of subscribing to a policy, came to formulate one; instead of meekly following, made it clear from the start that he meant to be master.

The astonishment of officialdom found vent in nicknames. "Young Man in a Hurry" was the first; "Imperial George" followed soon after; "George the Fifth" stuck the longest. No doubt Mrs. Hawsbee and her official friends have had a good deal to complain of. Curzon carries the parliamentary rapier in his hand a little too often and wields it more aptly than a starched and stiff-necked bureaucracy has any liking for. Also the social duties of his post bore him. His manners are brusque and laudably, and he has none of the small graces of the social instinct that belonged to Lord Elgin.

Now he has the softening, lubricating quality of humor. He takes himself and his work with a seriousness that would kill a lesser man, and leaves the social side of his position to Lady Curzon, who carries it through with an American grace and brilliancy. All this, with his meretricious insistence on efficiency, has made him as salutary and unpopular as a nuisance in the Indian bureaucracy as Lord Kitchener is in the army.—Harper's Weekly.

New Conditions for the Farmer.

One day, late in the recent autumn, a half-dozen farmers, coming fifteen miles, drove into a prairie village with heavy loads of corn. They went to the principal elevators and asked the price.

"Thirty cents a bushel today," "We will go to the buyer at the other end of the town," said the spokesman.

"It will do you no good," was the reply, "as all the buyers pay the same price here."

"Very well, we will go home and send our corn to market on foot."

They drove back fifteen miles and unloaded the corn into their own granaries to be shipped later in the form of fat cattle.

Such an incident would have been impossible ten years ago, when the average farmer was compelled to take what was offered for his crop. But two things have worked a transforming change in the grain-raising portion of the West. The farmers have become conservative with prosperity, and the railroads have widened the markets.

Five years of good crops in the West have not only paid debts but have also made the farmer capable of employing business methods. A few years ago a settler visited town only once a fortnight or once a month. He took home with him the county papers, the few magazines that he received from the East, and a large bundle of dry goods. With rural delivery and rural telephones all that is past.

One morning the telephone in my office rang and answered. I recognized the voice of a farmer friend living a dozen miles from a railroad. "I see in the Kansas City morning papers," he began, "that there is trouble in Venezuela. Is there anything later?"

"How did you know what was in the morning papers?"

"Oh, we get them from the carrier every day."

It was not noon, yet he had been in touch with the world's news up to 3 o'clock that morning, and this two hundred miles west of the Missouri river.

Under these conditions the Western farmer has developed an independence in the movement of crops disconcerting to the market manipulators.—C. M. Harger, in the World's Work.

BARNETT'S PLAN

Bill Introduced in the Senate for the Reapportionment of Judicial District.

OUTSIDE OF COOK COUNTY.

No Charge is Made in the Sixth District.

The following judicial apportionment bill has been introduced by Senator Barnett:

First—Alexander, Pulaski, Union, Williamson, Jackson, Franklin, Perry and Randolph.

Second—Massac, Pope, Johnson, Hardin, Saline, Gallatin, Hamilton, White, Edwards and Clay.

Third—Bond, Madison, Washington, and St. Clair.

Fourth—Marion, Clinton, Fayette, Montgomery, Christian, Effingham, Jasper, Richland, Lawrence, Wabash, and Jefferson.

Fifth—Vermilion, Edgar, Clark, Crawford, Cumberland and Coles.

Sixth—Champaign, Douglas, Moultrie, Macon, DeWitt, Piatt and Shelby.

Seventh—Sangamon, Macoupin, Morgan, Scott, Greene and Jersey.

Eighth—Adams, Schuyler, Mason, Cass, Brown, Pike, Calhoun, and McLean.

Ninth—Knox, Warren, Henderson, Hancock, McDonough, and Fulton.

Tenth—Peoria, Marshall, Putnam, Stark and Tazewell.

Eleventh—McLean, Livingston, Logan, Ford and Woodford.

Twelfth—Will, Kankakee and Iroquois.

Thirteenth—Bureau, LaSalle and Grundy.

Fourteenth—Rock Island, Mercer, Whiteside and Henry.

Fifteenth—Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll, Ogle and Lee.

Sixteenth—Kane, DuPage, DeKalb, and Kendall.

Seventeenth—Winnebago, Boone, McHenry and Lake.

FINED FOR CONTEMPT.

Minister Who "Spoke His Mind" in a Court at Topeka.

We have been reading Rev. J. T. McFarland's story of how Judge C. A. Magaw, of the Topeka police court, came to fine him \$100 for contempt. It is not devoid of interest. The reverend narrator preaches on Sundays in the First Methodist church—Topeka's largest congregation—and is a pretty stirring citizen on week days. He considers the present city government rotten from top to bottom, and has not concealed his opinion. Naturally Mayor Parker and the other city officials do not love him.

About six weeks ago Carrie Nation tried to get into a Topeka liquor joint, made a disturbance and was arrested, tried, fined and sent to jail to work out her sentence. When, week before last, he read in his paper that she was again in the hands of the police on a similar charge, Mr. McFarland decided to be at the trial. As he describes it, it was a mockery. Police men and other with axes for the prosecution were permitted to swear that they knew nothing to the disadvantage of the place the Nation woman had installed—some of the most notorious in town. When she asked her first witness about the character of the place the judge ruled the question out. When she repeated it he fined her \$50 for contempt—she stood committed until the fine was paid. "Come here!" a burly policeman shouted at her across the courtroom. When she sat still he went to her, clutched her arm roughly and hustled her to the door. Then Mr. McFarland stood up. "Do you care to fine me?" he said to Judge Magaw. "If so, you may; but I wish to say to you, sir, that this is a travesty on justice and an infernal outrage." The fine followed, and Mr. McFarland says the salacious action of the judge out at the time the judge's face was cheap at the price.

Perhaps the editor of the Topeka Herald may pay the next fine in the series. He has said, we notice, in cold type that everybody who heard Mr. McFarland's outburst knows Judge Magaw to be "the willing tool and abject servant of the politicians and gamblers," and that the contempt in which he and his court are held is bounded only by the city limits.—Hartford Courant.

POLICE ASSOCIATION TO MEET.

Will Act On Proposed Legislation For Good of Members.

A meeting of the Illinois Police association will be held in Springfield Tuesday evening, Feb. 24. The purpose of the gathering at this time is to advance and promote the police and firemen's bill now before the general assembly.

The call for the meeting was issued yesterday by Police Sergeant Spears of Springfield, who is secretary of the association. The various police and fire departments throughout the state interested in the passage of the bill will send delegates to the convention.

The association believes that the prospects are bright for the passage of the bill, which is intended to take the employment of policemen and firemen out of the hands of politics. Several of the business men's associations in the state are using their influence in the matter, including the Springfield association.

How some men conceive the idea that to praise another man is an evidence of weakness?

AMUSEMENTS.

"Prince of Pilsen."

Frank Pixley and Gustav Lunders, the popular comic opera authors, have done something entirely new and original in the "Prince of Pilsen," the new and phenomenally successful musical comedy, which comes to the Grand for an engagement on Saturday afternoon and evening, Feb. 14. They have hit upon the idea of portraying the characteristics of several American cities in song and verse and in developing the theme have contributed one of the most refreshing features of the production celebrated for its freshness, originality, good clean comedy and tuneful music. "The Song of the Cities" as this unique feature is styled, is in reality a musical toast to the American Girl. Each city is represented by a pretty young woman whose particular style of beauty typifies the place for which her name stands. Miss Dorothy Morton, the well known prima donna, introduces them one by one, with a witty verse and then music is interpolated to hit off some well known characteristics of the city.

The Murray Company.

A big dollar show at popular prices is the verdict of the newspapers throughout the country in regard to "The Murray Comedy Company," which opens one week's engagement at the Powers Grand opera house next Monday, Feb. 16. If advance notices are any criterion, Messrs. Smith and Lamb can feel highly complimented in their selection of the different artists secured for their company this season. In addition to the high-class repertoire of plays produced by this company, they carry a car load of special scenery and their vaudeville features will entertain us with all the latest up-to-date music. Their opening play will be "True as Steel," in which each and every member will have an opportunity of displaying their ability. Upon opening night one lady will be admitted free with each paid thirty cent ticket. Seats on sale at usual place Saturday morning.

MANY DEFEND NORMAL SCHOOL.

Attempts to Deny Certificates as Teachers to Graduates Denounced.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 12.—Much interest is being displayed in educational circles of Illinois over an attack upon a bill now before the Illinois legislature which grants a three year certificate to each of all graduates of the normal schools of the state. Certain county superintendents of schools are leading the fight upon this measure and have sent circulars to members of the general assembly expressing their views in opposition to the measure. Prof. David Helmley, president of the state normal school here, has taken a stand in favor of the proposed law and maintains that justice to the graduates of the normal schools of the state demands that the bill become a law. The county superintendents argue that no one should be permitted to teach unless they have passed the examination prescribed by the superintendent of the county schools, arguing that if the teacher cannot pass, then he is not entitled to a certificate to teach. President Helmley says these arguments are flimsy and involve a heavy expense in some cases to teachers living at a distance.

MR. BOWEN IS ALL RIGHT.

The Kind of a Man Need in the Diplomatic Service.

It begins to appear that Mr. Bowen deserves a much more respectful appraisal than he was at first accorded. Mr. Bowen is evidently a man of very strenuous and heroic proportions. We have come to regard the average product of our diplomatic machinery as a mighty pretty and graceful thing, and, for all we know, that estimate may be correct enough all the time out of ten. But Mr. Bowen reminds us that it is not so. He includes everybody in the list, and he has been strongly moved to the belief that some of our diplomatic representatives have backbone as well as tact—Americanism as well as finesse. It is borne in upon us, indeed, that Mr. Bowen is the very kind of man that we need in the scheme of our diplomatic development.

As regards Mr. Bowen's action in connection with the Venezuelan imbroglio, we have already expressed our opinion. He has conducted the negotiations with intelligence, with courage and with a luminous and graceful courtesy beyond all words. With him politeness has not meant imbecility. Treating the allies with studied consideration, he has at the same time given them to understand that there is a limit to their aggressions and a curb to their indecent exultation. He has served notice that they cannot establish special claims by resorting to brutal violence, and has suggested to them that bluster cuts no figure in his serene philosophy. The real meaning of his latest declaration is that England, Germany and Italy will obtain no preference in the dividend by reason of their practical acts, but, on the contrary, will have to take their places among the civilized claimants on equal terms, or break away and help themselves as best they may.

Mr. Bowen has grown in the estimation of the American people—grown as few public men have done within our recollection. The country approves his attitude and indorses his declarations.—Washington Post.

A Short Skirt.

One garment almost indispensable in any lady's wardrobe is the short skirt. It might also be as truthfully stated that Re-De-Tonic Laxative Syrup is absolutely indispensable as a pleasant and reliable medicine in need for any disorder of the stomach or bowels. Sold by H. W. Bell, druggist.

VISIT BEMENT

Burglars Go Through Three Stores Stealing Goods Valued at \$150 And Escape.

THREW AWAY TELESCOPES.

Suspicious Characters Seen About Town Wednesday Evening.

Bement, Ill., Feb. 12.—Special to the Herald.—The clothing store of E. E. Bodman and the jewelry and drug store of S. K. Bodman, which is conducted by Mrs. S. K. Bodman were burglarized between 1 and 3 o'clock this morning. Clothing, telescopes, hats, silverware, knives, forks and spoons to the amount of \$150 were taken. The burglars effected an entrance by breaking in the back doors of both places.

The robbery was not discovered until about 4 o'clock when E. E. Bodman came down to open his store. He found the back door open and upon investigation found the store had been robbed. The police force was notified, but the only clue which could be found was three telescopes which were thrown under a freight car on the Wabash siding.

Constable Jeff Dye left for Decatur where the robbers are supposed to have gone from here. Three fellows who loitered around town all day are suspected of the robbery, but their whereabouts is unknown. The authorities have notified the police in all the surrounding towns.

CLOSE TO DECATUR PARTY.

Another Oil Strike in Louisiana Makes Investors Feel Good.

An item appearing in a Crowley, La., paper, dated from Roanoke, Feb. 9, is as follows: "The Big Mound Oil Company people are in ecstasy this morning. They report oil and gas in large quantities yesterday at a depth of 280 feet. Everything is progressing nicely."

The Mound City company's land is located directly across the railroad track from a tract in which a number of Decatur men are interested. A company is now in process of formation and the announcement of their organization is expected in a few days.

General John B. Weaver of "Greenback" fame, is president of the Big Mound City company which is largely composed of Iowa capital.

With the Sick.

Mrs. R. R. Montgomery is ill at her home on Prairie avenue.

A. H. Barber was operated upon at St. Mary's hospital Thursday and was reported as doing nicely last night.

Charles W. Battles who has been ill at his home on North Union street is able to sit up.

Mrs. Harvey Reeder was operated upon Thursday at St. Mary's hospital and rallied well.

J. L. Hight is very low with cancer at his home 1225 North Edward street.

David Conlong father of Mrs. Allice Wells, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy about three weeks ago is not so well.

Smith Walker is able to be out after a severe attack of grip.

The Age of Oysters.

A wholesale oyster dealer was sizing up a new invoice yesterday. "There are some old fellows in that lot," he said, as he moved to one side some abnormally large ones. He picked out one and measured it. "The shell was eight inches long. 'The age of an oyster has absolutely no effect upon its quality,'" he said. "It doesn't get tough with age, like the higher order of animals. How long does an oyster live? Well, I couldn't say exactly. I have known Maurice river oystersmen to claim that an oyster undisturbed in a neglected cave would live for twenty-five years before it finally died of old age. And an oyster of the Maurice river type keeps on growing all the time. I have seen some myself that measured nearly a foot in length."—Philadelphia Record.

Roosevelt and the Bears.

President Roosevelt intends to engage in no more bear hunting until he lays down the cares of office. So he told a Wyoming delegation headed by Representative Mondell recently. They were asking him to participate in a grizzly hunt next spring. In the course of his trip through the West.

"Your picture is very alluring," said the president as the Wyoming people described to him the prospects of big game, but I have found from past experience that hunting bear with a brass band is barren of results."

"We will close all the trails in the vicinity," protested Mr. Mondell and his constituents in one voice.

"Yes," answered the president; "that might be done. I appreciate the courtesy of your invitation, but some people would get inside even if they had to take a balloon to do it."—Washington Post.

The scratch of a pin may cause the loss of a limb or even death when blood poisoning results from the injury. All danger of this may be avoided, however, by promptly applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is an antiseptic and quick healing agent for cuts, bruises and burns. For sale by all druggists.

NEARBY TOWNS

Prairie Hall.

There were quite a number attended the farmers' institute last week. Miss Clara Garber of Decatur visited with Miss Lida Widner.

Miss Borhan of Macon is visiting Mrs. W. C. Worsham.

E. H. Pasley is on the sick list. Harry Trulock made a business trip to Decatur Monday.

John Pasley is visiting friends at Boody.

O. C. Worsham made a business trip to Decatur.

Harry Trulock and brother are going to attend the wedding of their cousin at Sterling.

T. E. Moury from Louisiana is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. James Trulock of Prairie Hall.

David Estes returned from the south last week.

Harry Trulock and Charles Pasley spent Sunday with friends in Bement, Feb. 12.

Boody.

Morgan Belknap moved to Harvel Wednesday.

H. T. Brown is prospecting near Independence, Kansas.

Miss Nellie Blankenship returned to her home in Missouri last week.

E. W. Jokisch, W. L. Johns and J. G. Bokhardt were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

Lyman Stevens returned to his home near Storm Lake, Ia., Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Deuking visited with the Misses Brown this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown of Blue Mound spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jokisch, Feb. 12.

Monticello.

Miss Florence Kee returned Tuesday from Springfield where she was visiting friends over Sunday.

The Misses Mary Seivert, Clara Phillips and Maude Wolfey entertained a number of friends at Grand, at the home of Judge F. M. Shonkwer, last Thursday evening.

Edward Johnson was a Champaign visitor Thursday.

Atton, Wm. Redmon of Decatur is here this week attending Monday for Georgia for an extended visit with his friend, Miss Tinsley.

The Woman's club will have the "Royal Entertainers" as the third entertainment on their lecture course, Feb. 19.

Mrs. N. E. Kee and cousin, Miss Augusta Boswell are visiting in Illinois and other points this week.

The Business Men's association will hold an open meeting at the town hall next Monday evening. The evening will be occupied by five reports, talks by eight men and two ladies from the Woman's club on the needs of the town.

Dr. Taylor of the Minklin University of Decatur, gave a very interesting lecture at the M. E. church Monday night on "High Schools."

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis of Neenah, Wis., left Sunday for Litchfield to visit with his parents after a short visit with Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. S. D. Bond.

Mrs. Edward Rhodes came Tuesday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hawthorne. Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bond and Edward Rhodes, formerly of this place but now in Webster City, Iowa, are moving to Crawfordville, Ind., where Mrs. Rhodes will join her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Edie and Mr. and Mrs. Dale C. Kelley will go to Decatur Saturday night to hear the Prince of Pilsen.

Seals orchestra went to Ivesdale to play for a dance Tuesday evening.

Lloyd of Bement was here attending court Monday, Feb. 12.

Conspirators Beaten.

At Hillsboro Tuesday the Fraternal Army of America won a case brought by a man to recover \$2000, the face of a policy held by his wife in that order. It was proven that the woman had her life insured when she was aware that she had consumption. The family physician conspired with her husband to defraud the insurance company and the physician gave the woman a certificate of good health. He was to pay one-half the dues and upon the death of the woman was to receive one-half the insurance. After the evidence was all in the presiding judge, upon motion by the Fraternal Army took the case from the jury and dismissed it.

Not After Dark.

Closing an impassioned article in the Omaha Bee protesting against the bill passed by the legislature to give the city of Omaha relief against the council combine that refuses to carry into effect the vote of the people to have the water works from the corporation that is running them to great profit, the editor exclaims: "Cannot Omaha trust Omaha?" Well, that depends. If it is after sundown, you see, it is a pretty tough conundrum.—Nebraska State Journal.

County Farm Pays.

A carload of cattle was shipped from the poor farm to Chicago yesterday. This is the first carload of cattle ever shipped from the poor farm.

Last week a carload of hogs was shipped to Chicago by Steward Cote. Ninety head of hogs have been sold from the poor farm the past year and forty-five have been butchered.

The poor farm is now on a paying basis and will probably clear \$1,000 this fiscal year.—Platt Pilot.

Good Advice.

If your children are subject to croup you should never be without a bottle of Hart's Honey and Horshound in the house. It is a sure and speedy cure for croup and we have never known it to fail. If you give it as soon as hoarseness appears, it will prevent croup in every instance. Mothers, please remember this as Hart's Honey and Horshound has saved the lives of many children subject to croup when nothing else gave relief. There is no danger in giving this medicine to small children in large or frequent doses. Sold by H. W. Bell, druggist.

How few women ever regard themselves as on the shelf?

M' KINLEY'S IDEA

Champaign Promoter of Interurban Says He is Surprised At Lack of Interest Here.

DANVILLE WILLING TO HELP.

Makes Suggestion as to Manner of Granting Franchise.

W. A. Bixby has received the following letter from W. B. McKinley, the financier and builder of the interurban roads now operating and in process of construction in the neighborhood of Danville and Champaign. The letter is in reply to a request from a number of business men and others interested in the progress and development of Decatur for a definite statement of the plan for a road through Decatur forming a link in a system reaching from Danville to Springfield or farther.

Mr. McKinley writes over his own signature from New York on the eve of his departure for Porto Rico. He says:

"I am a little surprised at the want of interest shown by the Decatur council and business men in connection with the interurban road. I feel very sure indeed, that if they would correspond with the Chamber of Commerce and the city officials in Danville that they would promptly recognize the great value of these roads to the business of the town. We have been operating into Danville about two years, and the more roads we propose running in there, the more favors they are willing to grant us as to terminals and streets. While no particular interurban road should be given exclusive rights on a street, in fact I think that any city council should provide an interurban franchise that several roads may use the same trackage, on the other hand I know that it is suicidal to the business interests of a city for the city council to force a proposed interurban road to make terms with a local street railway."

We are using every effort to complete our road between Champaign and Danville, and a number of spur roads out from Danville, by August, and as soon as we get that part in operation we expect to commence construction toward Decatur and Springfield. If nothing happens we ought to be able to have the road running into Decatur by the summer of 1904.

Very Truly,
W. B. McKinley."

The Sleepy East.

Old Confederates living in New York had a banquet last Monday evening. The chief purpose of this banquet seems to have been to show that the blue and the gray can now sit down at the same table without danger of bloodshed and that this grand country is at last united and a happy land. This useless service was performed in a very elegant manner. Charles Francis Adams was there to sketch the history, and Colonel Henry Waterson was there to say that Abraham Lincoln likewise was the purest character in history. The inevitable stories, the usual commonplaces and customary boasts were indulged in. Each side tried to outdo the other in compliments. The "Lost Cause," of course, was admitted to have been wrong and joy over its defeat was frankly expressed, and the affair concluded with mutual felicitations and warm self-congratulations, all of which was eminently proper.

But, nevertheless, a feeling not all of irritation nor all of amusement is aroused by noting the egotistical, but very natural manner with which these Easterners pass as the first discoverers of the fact that the civil war is over. So important was the discovery that great care was taken to have all the proceedings of the banquet published. If New York and New England become so excited over an antiquated historical fact known to the country at large for the last twenty years, what will they do when they find out that Kansas City is not inhabited wholly by cowboys, that there are no herds of buffalo around Topeka, and that there is absolutely no danger of being scalped and massacred by savage red men in Oklahoma and Indian Territory?—Kansas City Journal.

The End.

The case of Morris W. Fuller vs. Chas. W. Gilmore, begun in the circuit court of Piatt county in 1900 has been closed. The young men were at a



PICTURE HAT OF MALINE.

MEN and WOMEN As KATE CLYDE Sees Them

A CERTAIN clever woman is writing a series of sketches treating of human beings in the fashion of one would speak of animals, classifying them as to habits, regions where they live, and there is just about enough truth in it to make it interesting.

Take the young man, for instance. He is certainly, especially here in New York, a most peculiar and interesting animal. It is a sure thing that many times he doesn't seem to exhibit the sense of a human being. I am not sure whether it is because girls are becoming so sensible that men don't see the need of being so any more, but I do know this—if we had the old style, sentimental, insipid womankind and the new style of young man at once as a nation we could be on the straight road to the foolish house.

In the old days one knew pretty much what to expect from a man. Please don't think I was in existence then, but I have conversed with people who were, and I have also read the novels of the period, which certainly go to prove that the balance of sense was on the man's side. To go back to the subject, you generally knew what to expect of your man; his moves were few, direct and generally clumsy. Alas, that happy day is past! Modern man is downright flimsy; worse still, he has nerves. Not only sounds, but colors, affect him.



Effective manner of dressing the hair.

be especially profitable, as they are more in demand every day, and puppies bred from a champion sell easily for \$100 apiece. The older dogs, if they are prize winners, run all the way up to \$1,000. They are such funny, affectionate little fellows, with their cobby, little bodies, snub noses and queer, twisted up bits of tails. Some puppies, indeed, which I recently inspected have their tails twisted up so tightly to their bodies that they can hardly be pulled away the fraction of an inch.

I confess the building is about the only small dog which appeals to me. It has so much style!

Ad. Writing Profitable.

Another way in which women are making a living is by writing advertisements. This is a field in which there is as great a future for women as for men, which is more than can be said of most profitable employments.

Kate Clyde
New York.

GERMAN OFFICERS AND MARRIAGE.

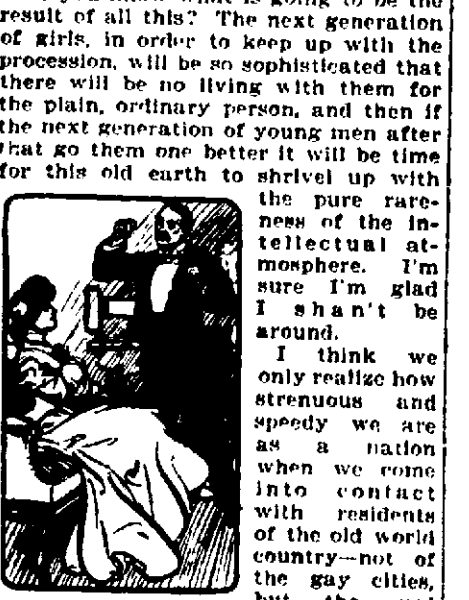
According to a German paper, officers of the second grade receiving \$1,200 per annum are not allowed to marry unless they can show that they have a private annual income of \$375. Lieutenants must have an income of \$600. The officer has also to make a declaration that he is not in debt and that the lady he proposes to marry is solvent. Private soldiers must have in addition to their pay an income of at least \$37 per annum. Should they marry a foreigner they are supposed to have twice that amount, as no foreign young woman could possibly equal a German hausfrau, in the opinion of the military authorities, in thriftiness and domestic economy.

Men of Today and of Tomorrow.

With a couple of red lights and a red hanging or so, he may suddenly surprise you by almost throwing a cataleptic fit, while suggestions of a violet atmosphere will make his ideas so disconnected as to be positively painful. One has to take these things into consideration. And modern man is never twice in succession the same. It used to be the girl who did that stunt, but now she sits stolidly with folded hands and waits for the gay male creature to have done with his mental prolegues and gymnastics.

Do you know what is going to be the result of all this? The next generation of girls, in order to keep up with the procession, will be so sophisticated that there will be no living with them for the plain, ordinary person, and then if the next generation of young men after that go them one better it will be time for this old earth to shrivel up with the pure rareness of the intellectual atmosphere. I'm sure I'm glad I shan't be around.

I think we only realize how strenuous and speedy we are as a nation when we come into contact with residents of the old world country—not of the gay cities, but the real people of the soil, with their slow, exasperating smile, which lasts until your fevered brain has almost counted twenty, and the laborious and roundabout way in which they pick out each word with a pair of pincers, as it were. Oh, how it makes one want to shriek!



She sits stolidly with folded hands.

Women and Dogs.

It is a very doggy season just now, with the Westminster kennel show just ahead.

It is surprising how many smart women have gone into the dog breeding business—in the first place, because it pays; in the second, because it enables a woman to keep up her little home, especially if out of town, and to live in it in comfort.

The raising of toy bulldogs seems to



SATIN TRIMMED VELVET JACKET.

INTERESTING ITEMS FOR WOMEN.

Every girl should have a complexion brush. All chemists nowadays keep this necessary article, and none who values her pretty cheeks can feel quite safe without one. The use of it is the only cure for enlarged pores.

A Pennsylvania woman has been arrested and fined for washing and hanging out her clothes on Sunday on complaint of a neighbor, who discovered that it violated an unrecalled law dating back to 1794.

No lady should accept refreshments from a stranger at a public ball, for she would thereby lay herself under a pecuniary obligation.

There you go bareheaded, even in cold weather, the thicker your hair will be.

In washing, drying and brushing the

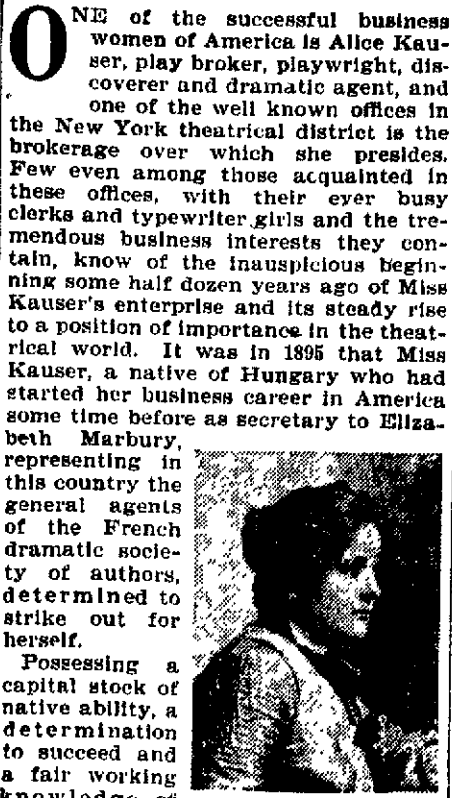
hair you must not let your eagerness to be clean cause you to scrub the head as if strength were the only essential in obtaining good results.

Elizabeth Winslow of Brandon has been appointed by the governor of Ver-

mont a member of the state board of library commissioners, and Helen M. Blake of Island Pond one of the county examiners of teachers.

However good you may be, you have faults; however dull you may be, you

Alice Kauser, a Woman of Ideas



ONE of the successful business women of America is Alice Kauser, play broker, playwright, discoverer and dramatic agent, and one of the well known offices in the New York theatrical district is the brokerage over which she presides. Few even among those acquainted in these offices, with their ever busy clerks and typewriter girls and the tremendous business interests they contain, know of the inauspicious beginning some half dozen years ago of Miss Kauser's enterprise and its steady rise to a position of importance in the theatrical world. It was in 1895 that Miss Kauser, a native of Hungary who had started her business career in America some time before as secretary to Elizabeth Marbury, representing in this country the general agents of the French dramatic society of authors, determined to strike out for herself.

Possessing a capital stock of native ability, a determination to succeed and a fair working knowledge of the conduct of the business end of theatrical enterprise, Alice Kauser cast about for a promising investment.

Miss Kauser prides herself on the fact that she has never broken into the legitimate field of any other agent. She believed there were unexploited fields in the theatrical world that would repay working.

It was some time, however, before just the opportunity she was looking for presented itself, or, rather, permitted itself to be discovered. It was the custom of the Broadway managers to shelve their New York successes when they themselves had no further use for them—that is to say, when the original company had finished its tour and a third, sometimes even a fourth, had covered the remaining territory. After that the plays, except for the possible revival of an occasional "classic," were dead for all time so far as earning capacity was concerned.

Miss Kauser's scheme was to get control of these unused plays and let them out by week or performance to the various stock companies in the country, collecting the royalties for the owners and subtracting a commission for her labor. This was the idea as she originally laid it out, in which she expanded to an intricate system, in which large sums of money change hands and make necessary the employment of about a dozen persons. She has now three offices, and her daily mail, not to speak of the steady arrival of telegrams from morning to night, includes nearly 200 letters. But her beginning was of the simplest. Full of her plans, she hired a little office tucked away at the end of a passage in a large office building and, with the aid of an itinerant typewriter who came only for an hour or so a day, launched her project. On paper the prospect was very bright, but Miss Kauser had made an unhappy choice of time, and just as she started in the vaudeville craze swept the country. The permanent organizations disappeared to make room for the new fad, and the outlook for her venture was accordingly darkened. In these first few years Miss Kauser was her own bookkeeper, having not a very onerous task, since the total receipts for the first year were exactly \$75, which princely sum was increased the following year to \$121.75.

But just at this point, when her means were nearly exhausted and only her friends stood between her and collapse, she managed to place "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" with Mrs. Fiske for its author, Lorimer Stoddard, and when upon its presentation at the old Fifth Avenue theater it was hailed as the dramatic sensation of the day she came in for a share of the profit and credit and secured her first footing in the theatrical world.

Soon after her first strike, as she still recalls "Tess," the star vaudeville variety began to wane. Managers of variety houses throughout the country found difficulty in securing good material, and one by one went back to the old stock system. Then Miss Kauser's venture, now three years old, experienced a boom.

But Miss Kauser is proudest of her achievements as the introducer of unknown playwrights. Through her agency, George Hazelton, Langdon Mitchell and Mrs. Burton Harrison have received

their start, and she has been instrumental in bringing "Mistress Nell," "Fleur-de-lis" and "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" before the theater going public. "Nothing succeeds like success." Her professional career since the first two years is an unbroken history of prosperity and advancement. She has seen the stock system grow from a small beginning to its present importance, and on subjects having to do with its bearing on the American stage as a whole she speaks with authority.

What influence has the stock company on the general aspect of the stage? she said in answer to an interviewer's question. "In the first place, the greatest and also the best. Stock companies create their own clientele, and, once created, they educate it to the appreciation of the highest and best in the drama. By its means audiences that might otherwise never see anything above the dime novel class of stage literature may have the best that has been written, well staged—for your stock manager must keep up to the average of the other theaters in his city—and well acted—for some of our best artists have received their training in stock companies. Blanche Bates, for example, started under Nellie; Henrietta Crossman served her novitiate in Harry Davis' company, and Amelia Bingham started her professional career in a Denver stock company. And so, step by step, the popular taste is refined until we get Ibsen on the boards of a Baltimore stock company.

"Indeed, it is true," continued Miss Kauser in answer to the interviewer's exclamation of surprise, "George Fawcett produced 'Ghosts' not long ago, and it proved a financial success. If that amazes you, perhaps you will be

astonished to hear that in repertory companies of good standing nothing is so successful as Shakespeare. But you know where the proof of the pudding is, and I can give you half a dozen instances of successful Shakespearean productions at random. Percy Maxwell played 'Romeo and Juliet' in Minneapolis recently and broke all financial records of the theater. 'Midsummer Night's Dream' ran for three weeks in Kansas City, an unusually long engagement for anything in stock; and 'As You Like It,' 'Julius Caesar' and 'Richard III.' have all been recently produced in stock with marked success. In the case of the last the receipts were better than those of 'The Pride of Jennico,' which preceded it. These facts, by the way, lead me to the opinion that we are shortly to have a widespread revival of Shakespeare. There is a new generation rising who have never seen Booth and Forrest, but who have read and studied and appreciate the greatest dramatist.

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CHIFFON SHOULDER CAPE.

To Freshen Up the Winter Costume

BETWEEN seasons is the time when the woman who knows a thing or two about the art of freshening up a rather passe costume gets in her fine work. The pretty cape of chiffon trimmed with marabou and black velvet is an accessory which lends itself to rejuvenation and gives a much worn garment a grace. A cape made in this style of black crepe de chine would be very practical and becoming. The plaited cape may be purchased ready for use. Fit the flounce round the neck upon a piece of broad satin ribbon the size of the throat. Double the maline, which is then sewed round the neck, edge and sash ends of the cape. A touch of color may be introduced in the thread of velvet and the pert little chouchou.

The flare picture hat of black maline illustrated is just the thing for this season. Take a last year's hat and bend it into shape. Fold the white ma-

line in under the brim in an artlessly artistic manner. You will be surprised to find how much of this material can go into such a small space, but the end justifies the means, as it really makes the whole hat. If a long feather is not at hand, the brim trimming is beautifully arranged by combining several short feathers.

A cloth skirt takes on a dressy appearance when worn with a velvet jacket. The coat illustrated is decorated with folds, but braided used in connection with some dangling ornaments would be smarter.

If a little late in the season to wear a fur jacket, it is the best possible time to buy one. The shops are reducing them to almost nominal prices. The Persian lamb coat shown is not cut in an extreme style; consequently it may be worn next winter. It is difficult, however, to suggest a substitute for Persian lamb.

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der. She did not, however, but kept grumbling on and reaching after those hooks. At first she aimed at them and jumped up, trusting to good luck to land her frocks upon them. This went on three months, and still she did not get the stepladder. One day she suddenly noticed that she was reaching the lowest of those pesky hooks without either jumping up at them or tiptoeing. Good, she said to herself.

It next occurred to her to keep on reaching up to see how many of the faraway hooks she could get at in course of time. It amused and interested her. At length she found that somehow she was able to stretch up with the great muscles of her chest and shoulders till she could hang things on nearly every one of the lofty pegs without standing upon a chair.

She had not thought of improving her figure in this way. But after she had been reaching upward after clothes pegs a year she went to be measured for some new gowns. "What's the matter?" said the dressmaker. "Your old waist measure is too large for you, the bust measure too small. Then the bust measurements I have had five years don't suit. Your back is flatter. You've been taking physical culture."

So she had without knowing it. The reaching up for a year after clothes pegs that were too high for her had lifted her sagged waist and chest muscles till she had a new and altogether superior figure. Any work that causes a woman frequently to lift her arms above her head as far as she can will have the same effect. It will go far toward producing a full, elevated chest and a slightly, flat back.

Sit by yourself in a serene, sweet tempered mood and inhale and exhale deeply and slowly. Sit as erect as possible. Now notice. In the center of your body, in the region of the waist, you will feel something that seems to be lifting you gloriously while you breathe. From the lowest part of your back to the top of your lungs you will feel it raising you. Cultivate that lifting power.

MARY GOULD LITTLE.

Women ought to be among the sanitary inspectors in all the cities.

REACHING UPWARD

WOMEN who have time to amuse themselves by getting a manner of ailments are just now interested in the climbing cure. In the language of the common people, this is merely walking briskly uphill. In the language adapted to the aesthetic apprehension of the woman who has plenty of time it is "walking at a regulated pace over measured distances on ascending roads." The accomplished person who writes for the fine lady's newspaper, however, tells the fine lady on no account to undertake the climbing cure except after examination by a physician who shall tell her whether her heart weakness is organic or functional. That being duly ascertained, the accomplished person says that very often functionally weak hearts are strengthened through "walking at a regulated pace over measured distances on ascending roads." Just so. The climbing cure is a reaching upward.

Meantime not long ago a young city woman moved into another flat. She was careless of the manner in which she carried herself, and she had acquired a sunken chest, a high stomach and shoulders already rounding into that stiffened, bowed shape expressive of hopelessness and lack of "get up and go." The new flat had been planned by a man; hence the hooks in the closets for clothing were two to four inches out of her reach. She grumbled over it and said she would have to get a steplad-



PERSIAN LAMB COAT.